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ONE
OF OUR
PARISHIONERS

HAPPENED
TO SEE
YOU COMING
OUT OF
THE CHURCH.



!

I HEARD
YOU VISITED
A CHURCH.



WHY
WERE YOU
THERE?



THERE'S
A NEW
TRANSFER
STUDENT IN
MY CLASS
AND HIS DAD'S
THE PASTOR
THERE...



OH...

JUST
CHECKING
IT OUT...



...I SEE.



SO I
THOUGHT
I'D JUST
TAKE A
QUICK LOOK
INSIDE.
THAT'S ALL.

AND I
WONDERED
WHAT IT
WAS
LIKE...

I REALIZED
I DIDN'T KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT
CHURCHES.



IF RUMORS
WERE TO
SPREAD
THAT YOU
WERE
DATING
THAT BOY

BUT
YOU
MUST

BE MORE
PRUDENT
ABOUT
YOUR
ACTIONS.

I SUPPOSE
THERE'S
NOTHING
WRONG
WITH THAT.

WE COULD
HAVE
TROUBLE
ON OUR
HANDS.

YOU ARE
GOING TO
INHERIT
THIS
TEMPLE,
AFTER ALL.



AFTER
ALL,

YOU
LIVE IN
DIFFERENT
WORLDS.

...DON'T.



I'M...

AND...

WE'RE
ALL
HUMAN

I DON'T
WANT
A LIFE

NOT GOING
TO TAKE
OVER THE
TEMPLE...!!

WHERE
I CAN'T
CHOOSE
WHO I
DATE??

SO THERE'S
SOMETHING
WRONG
WITH
SAYING I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE
ANYTHING
TO DO
WITH HIM??



HIKARI!!



...HIKARI?
P



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
OUT SO LATE?

AND
DRESSED
LIKE THAT...





THANKS...



...HERE,
PUT THIS ON.

YOU'LL
CATCH
COLD.



NEVER
HAD ANY
DOUBTS
ABOUT
MY FUTURE.

BUT NOW
I'M STARTING
TO WONDER
IF I'M
REALLY OK
WITH IT...

...FVS...



DOESN'T
SEEM LIKE
SUCH A
GREAT THING
ANYMORE...

TAKING
OVER THE
TEMPLE



BUT...

IF DOESN'T
HAVE TO
BE A
FAMILY
THING,
RIGHT?

IT'S
NOT
THAT
EASY...

THEN
HE CAN
TAKE ON AN
APPRENTICE
TO INHERIT
THE TEMPLE.

IF NEITHER
OF YOUR
SISTERS
WANTS TO
DO IT,

THEN

DON'T
DO IT.



WHY NOT
...?

WHY
NOT
!?

NO
WAY!

I HAVE NO
INTENTION
OF TAKING
OVER THE
CHURCH.

I'm not the boring thing to say!

I'm not the boring thing to say!

IT'S THE
SAME
FOR ME.

SO...

THIS ISN'T A
FAMILY
THING,
EITHER...

WELL,
I MEAN...



BUT EVEN-
TUALLY

I STARTED
HAVING
DOUBTS...

AND ALWAYS
THOUGHT I'D
BECOME A
PASTOR LIKE
MY DAD,

I GREW
UP IN
THE CHURCH

THAT'S
NOT
TRUE!!

and
anyway

I'm not
very
approachable



JUST GOING
WITH THE
FLOW AND
BECOMING
A PASTOR
BECAUSE OF
HOW I WAS
RAISED

SEEMED
TOO
EASY...

LIKE
MACH-
CHAN,

SHE
WAITED ALL
THAT TIME
TO TALK
TO YOU??

YOU'VE COM-
FORTED
A LOT OF
PEOPLE??

WHEN YOU
INVITED ME
TO VISIT
YOUR TEMPLE,
IT DIDN'T
FEEL RIGHT...

BUT
AT THE
SAME
TIME,

him
get down
on her level
to talk
to her

When
I saw...

WHAT?
YOU WERE
THERE...?

HOW
...?

I thought...
It was
really
wonderful...

AND...

L...







IS
BECAUSE

THE REASON
YOU THOUGHT
THAT

BUT,
YOU
KNOW,

YOU
REALLY
LOVE...

YOUR
TEMPLE

AND
BUDDHISM,
RIGHT...?



THERE'S
STILL

PLENTY OF TIME
TO THINK
ABOUT IT...

THERE'S
NO NEED
TO RUSH TO FIND
AN ANSWER,
RIGHT...?

I TELL
MYSELF.

THAT'S
WHAT

I FEEL
LIKE...

We get
each
other...

More than
anyone...

He
understands.



REALLY
FAIR APART,

BUT
ACTUALLY

WE'RE

CLOSER
THAN ANYONE...



HEYA-CHAN,
THREE YOU
ARE!!



I JUST
GOT A
CALL FROM
YOUR DAD

ASKING
IF YOU
WERE WITH
ME...

HEY??

AND
GOKURAKU-
KUN'S WITH
YOU??



WE'RE
ALWAYS
ON YOUR
SIDE!!

YOU CAN
TELL US
ANYTHING.

DID YOU
HAVE A
FIGHT WITH
YOUR DAD??

ARE
YOU
OK??

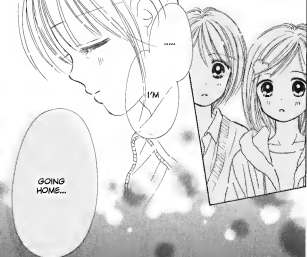


LI-CHAN...

GATSUKI...

...THANKS.





The
smell of
incense...

calms me
down...

HINAGARI.

I'M SORRY...

WE'VE...

BEEN
RELYING
ON YOU
TOO MUCH.

I THINK...

DON'T
BE...

IT NEVER
OCCURRED
TO US
THAT YOU
MIGHT BE
WORRIED
ABOUT IT.

WE TOOK
IT FOR
GRANTED
THAT YOU
WOULD
TAKE OVER
THE TEMPLE.

YOU
HAVE
THE
RIGHT

TO MAKE
YOUR OWN
LIFE DECISIONS
YOURSELF.

TAKE AS
MUCH TIME
AS YOU NEED
TO THINK ABOUT
TAKING OVER
THE TEMPLE.

Dad...

///

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BUT
WE'RE
ALL IN
THE GAME
BOAT??

WE PUT
ALL THAT
RESPONSIBILITY
ON YOU?

HE'S
RIGHT?

rattle

LET'S
THINK
ABOUT IT
TOGETHER.



so worry
you and
take
over
if you
need me?

so
don't
worry
!!



hikari?!

I'm
ready

ODA-CHAN
SRS...



They're
all...

BECAUSE
HE WAS
WORRIED
ABOUT
HIKARI, TOO...

TAKASHI-KUN
IS HERE



NOW,
NOW.

You're
younger
than me

Don't
talk to
me like
that!

hga

Takashi

This
isn't the
time for
that

most
precious
to me...

All the
people...

were so
worried
about me.

My beloved
friends...

and family...

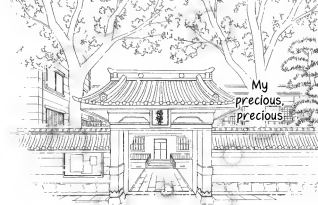
I'm not
going
to tell you.

not to have
anything
to do
with that
church boy.

I think
Dad

would be
unhappy with
anyone we
dated.

totally...



My
precious,
precious

home...



YEAH!

SO YOU
MADE UP
WITH
YOUR DAD.

THAT'S
GOOD.

THANKS,
OKURA-KUN.



I SEE...



I'VE
REALIZED

AFTER
THINKING
ABOUT IT
SO MUCH,

...I FEEL
LIKE



A TEMPLE
GIRL!!

I REALLY
AM



I like you...



OKURA-KUN

P

HEHE



...WHAT?

can
never
say it
aloud,



IT'S A
SECRET!

but it's
OK if
I say it
over and
over in
my heart.

I love you....!!



NEXT
TIME

YOU
SHOULD
COME AND
VISIT OUR
TEMPLE!



That
day...



What
an
idiot!

We
forgot
our
bento!

Oh,

the Virgin
Mary
standing
before
me...



when I
opened my
eyes,

I thought
I saw

would
probably
look
a little
confused

But if
I said
that

this
temple
girl

and
then

give
me a
big
smile...



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n
g

